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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 May 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed fifty-second session
(Second part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m 61st meeting Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (A/52/821)

Introduction and general discussion

TWENTIETH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The provisional list of speakers (No.2) for the general debate of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem (8-10 June 1998) is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (room S-3670J). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-second session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1998/89 (PART II)).

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

Report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs (A/52/758 and A/52/7/Add.10)

Note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account (A/52/848 and A/52/894))

Conclusion of general discussion

Informal consultations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs (A/52/758 and A/52/7/Add.10) and note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account (A/52/848 and A/52/894))

* Following the adjournment of the 61st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 May 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 11 May 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resumed fifty-second session
(Second part)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 60th meeting

Organization of work (A/C.5/52/1/Add.4, A/C.5/52/53 and A/C.5/52/L.34)

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) declared open the second part of the Committee's resumed 52nd session. The Committee's attention was drawn to two letters from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, namely document A/C.5/52/1/Add.4 on the allocation to the Fifth Committee of item 161 entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic" and document A/C.5/52/53 regarding decision 52/477 adopted by the General Assembly on 6 May 1998 entitled "United Nations reform: measures and proposals". The Committee also had before it a note by the Bureau on the status of preparedness of documentation for the resumed session (A/C.5/52/L.34).

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Pakistan, Cuba, Portugal, Japan, India, Australia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada and New Zealand.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement and responded to questions posed.

The Controller also made a statement and responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided:

(a) to consider the note by the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures (A/52/852) and the report of the Secretary-General on a Revolving Credit Fund (A/52/822) under agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations);

(b) to schedule informal consultations on agenda item 137, on the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the follow-up to the 1997 audit and investigation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/52/784) on 15 May in the morning;

(c) to reschedule the informal consultations on the draft resolution on third-party liability claims: temporal and financial limitations (A/C.5/52/L.7) to a later date in the session.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Algeria, Cuba, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, the United States, India, Uganda, Cameroon and Bulgaria.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management responded to questions posed.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement and responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to defer consideration of this question pending a report by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the reduction and refocusing of non-programme costs (A/52/758 and A/52/7/Add.10)

Note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account (A/52/848 and A/52/894)

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the note by the Secretary-General on the utilization of the Development Account (A/52/848)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/52/894).

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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